GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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INTERNATIONAL TREATIES AND AGREEMENTS
Surendran Shri Chengara

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to amend the constitution to ensure that all international treaties and agreements come into effect only after these are ratified by the Parliament;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any decision on the recommendations of Dr. M. N. Venkatachalaiah Committee on Constitutional Reforms; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a)-(b) The Government do not propose any amendment to the Constitution. The Union Government with the approval of the Cabinet conclude all treaties and agreements with foreign countries. Legislature's approval is required for any implementing legislation, wherever necessary.

(c) The Government have not taken any decision on the recommendations made by Dr. M. N. Venkatachalaiah Committee on Constitutional Reforms.

(d) Does not arise.